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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PFOR, CH

SUBJECT: NCNA COVERAGE OF PRESIDENT NIXON'S RESIGNATION

1. NCNA ON AUGUST 9 CARRIED IN BOTH ENGLISH AND CHINESE TEXTS THE NEWS OF PRESIDENT NIXON'S RESIGNATION. CITING A WASHINGTON REPORT, NCNA STATED THAT PRESIDENT NIXON HAD ANNOUNCED HIS RESIGNATION AND THE SUCCESSION OF GERALD FORD TO THE PRESIDENCY ON A NATION-WIDE TELEVISION ADDRESS ON AUGUST 8. THE NCNA REPORT INCLUDED SELECTED QUOTES FROM THE PORTION OF PRESIDENT NIXON'S ADDRESS WHICH EXPLAINED THAT HE WAS RESIGNING BECAUSE HE DID NOT HAVE SUPPORT OF CONGRESS. ALSO QUOTED WAS PRESIDENT NIXON'S STATEMENT THAT DURING HIS ADMINISTRATION " WE HAVE UNLOCKED THE DOORS THAT FOR A QUARTER OF A CENTURY STOOD BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES

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AND THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA." IN CONCLUSION

NCNA NOTED THAT MR. FORD MADE A BRIEF TELEVISION STATEMENT AFTER THE PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

2. COMMENT. THIS WAS THE FIRST NCNA REPORT TO HAVE CARRIED REFERENCE TO WATERGATE AND THE PRESIDENCY. IN THIS INITIAL REACTION, NCNA INTERESTINGLY DID NOT INCLUDE PRESIDENT NIXON'S REMARKS THAT THE US MUST ENSURE THAT THE PEOPLE IN THE PRC " WILL BE AND REMAIN- NOT OUR ENEMIES, BUT OUR FRIENDS." CROSS

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